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SUBJECT: WORKING GROUP MEETING, MARCH 9; PRINCIPLES OF INTERSTATE
RELATIONS AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

FROM USDEL MPT

BEGIN SUMMARY. WORKING GROUP AGREED TO USE U. K. WORK OUTLINE
AS BACKDROP FOR MINI- GROUP DRAFTING ON PRINCIPLES OF INTER-
STATE RELATIONS. MINI- GROUP EXPECTED TO BEGIN WORK MONDAY
MARCH 12. SOVIET REP MENDELEVICH MADE LENGTHY STATEMENT ON
PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, WHICH WILL BE NEXT SUBJECT ON
WORKING GROUP AGENDA. END SUMMARY.

1. WORK OUTLINE. WORKING GROUP ACCEPTED U. K. 7- POINT
" NON- PAPER" AS FRAMEWORK FOR DRAFTING EXERCISE BY INFORMAL
MINI- GROUP (SEE HELSINKI 619). MINI- GROUP WILL BEGIN EFFORT
ON MARCH 12 TO DRAFT AGREED MANDATE ON PRINCIPLES.

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2. IMPLEMENTATION OF PRINCIPLES OF INTERSTATE RELATIONS.
BASING HIS COMMENTS ON SOVIET MANDATE REFERENCE TO PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, MENDELEVICH LAUNCHED LONG DISSERTATION ON MERITS OF IMPLEMENTING PRINCIPLES OF INTERSTATE RELATIONS. HE TRIED NIMBLY TO EXPLOIT THE REFERENCES IN PARA 2 OF THE SOVIET DRAFT MANDATE ON SECURITY TO PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES AND BI- LATERAL AND MULTI- LATERAL CONSULTATIONS IN ORDER TO FURTHER THE CAUSE OF PERMANENT MACHINERY. HE TRIED TO SUBMERGE SWISS PROPOSAL ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES WITHIN SOVIET PROPOSAL AND IGNORED THE FACT THAT PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IS TREATED AS A PRINCIPLE ITSELF IN THE ITALIAN MANDATE OF JANUARY 15. HE ENVISAGED CSCE APPLYING FIRST PART OF ARTICLE 33 OF UN CHARTER TO EUROPE IN STRENGTHENING PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AND SAW EXPANDED POSSIBILITIES FOR STRENGTHENING CONFIDENCE THROUGH A GREATER USE OF THE EXISTING SYSTEM OF BI- LATERAL CONTACTS AND BY GREATER MULTI- LATERAL CONSULTATIONS. ON LATTER POINT, HE NOTED UTILITY OF SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR A CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOLLOWING CSCE. HE ALSO SAW USEFULNESS IN APPEAL TO STATES TO UNDERTAKE DOMESTIC LEGISLATION TO STRENGTHEN CONFIDENCE (THUS PICKING UP WITHOUT ATTRIBUTION ROMANIAN PROPOSAL-- HELSINKI 0616). THESE POINTS MIGHT PROFITABLY BE INCLUDED IN COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS. HE SOLICITED VIEWS OF THE PARTICIPANTS FOR NEXT WORKING GROUP MEETING. COMMENT: MENDELEVICH WAS OBVIOUSLY ATTEMPTING SIMULTANEOUSLY TO HEAD OFF THE SWISS MANDATE THROUGH HIS VAGUE PROPOSALS FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AND TO REINFORCE SOVIET PERMANENT MACHINERY PROPOSAL. SWISS ARE IRRITATED BY THIS PLOY AND WILL PRESUMABLY MAKE COUNTERARGUMENT NEXT WEEK. END COMMENT.
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